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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(e) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.
0250/US

In Re Application Of: Michael Kuechel

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Invention:

APPARATUS AND METHOD(S) FOR REDUCING THE EFFECTS OF COHERENT ARTIFACTS IN AN INTERFEROMETER

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of Sept. 8, 2003 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

- One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from:

Dec. 8, 2003

until

Feb. 8, 2004

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	88 -	84 =	4	x \$18.00	\$72.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	8 -	4 =	4	x \$84.00	\$336.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$408.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$410.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$818.00

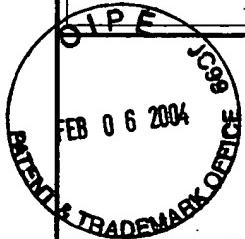
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- A check in the amount of \$818.00 for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
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- The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1150
 - Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 03-1150

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Applicant : Michael Kuechel
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TC/A.U. : 2877
Examiner : Michael A. Lyons

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Honorable Commissioner For Patents
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

A non-final Office Action was mailed in this application on September 8, 2003 setting a shortened statutory period for reply to expire three months from the mailing date or by December 8, 2003. Accompanying this response is a request and fee for a two-month extension of time thereby making a response due by February 8, 2004. Please amend and reconsider the above-identified application as follows:

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| Amendments To The Specification | - None as set forth on page 2 |
| Amendments To The Claims | - Are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper. |
| Amendments To The Drawings | - None as set forth on page 15 |
| Remarks/Arguments | - Begin on page 16 of this paper |

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